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FOR INCREASING THE
RESISTANCE TO FAILURE OF
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CONNECTED TO EXCHANGES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1 before the first paragraph, please delete the following:

Description

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, please insert the following headings and paragraph:

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

This application claims priority to International Application No. PCT/DE00/02643
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TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION